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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:
MARIA S. BROWN

Examiner: IRENE MARX

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2002, in the above-identified application and having an original period for response of one month. The above-noted Office Action indicates that, under 35 U.S.C. §121, claims 1 and 2 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2, without waiver or prejudice.

REMARKS

1. Claims 1 and 2 are pending in the application.
2. Pursuant to the above-noted Office Action, two groups, i.e., Group I (claim 1) and Group II (claim 2), have been designated by the Examiner. Claim 1 is being elected with traverse as Group I.
3. Claim 2 is being canceled, without waiver or prejudice, subject to the right to file a divisional application directed thereto.